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Subject: PIO UPDATE for 1700 9/2 Report

Importance: High

On Friday, Sept. 1, EPA's ASPECT surveillance aircraft flew through the fire at the Arkema plant in Crosby, Texas. The aircraft monitored for any airborne toxic chemicals, however, preliminary analysis of data showed that although the fire generated intense smoke, no high levels of toxic chemical were detected. The fire subsided by 7:30 p.m. EPA's ground air monitoring results outside the exclusion zone were below levels of health concern. ASPECT will continue periodic air monitoring, and at the request of the local jurisdiction and Harris County Pollution Control, EPA collected surface water runoff samples downstream of the facility. EPA will continue to maintain a 24-hour presence at the incident command operations center.

EPA personnel deployments to Austin, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Houston and Corpus Christi will continue throughout the weekend. Personnel will be supporting the Unified Command teams that are identifying and evaluating impacts of the hurricane and floods, as well as coordinating with TCEQ to assist with priority drinking and waste water assessments. EPA is working with TCEQ to issue a statement on the hazards of floodwaters. Assisting drinking water and waste water facilities in maintaining and/or resuming their operational status remains a high priority.